

NOMINATION FORM  
for the  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

<b>1. NAME</b>				
COMMON: Apple Hill				
AND/OR HISTORIC: Gaither Farm				
<b>2. LOCATION</b>				
STREET AND NUMBER: White Hall Road and Kieffer Funk Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown vicinity				
STATE Maryland		COUNTY: Washington		
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
				Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment				
<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum				
<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific				
<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____				
<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____				
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>				
OWNER'S NAME: Mrs. Elvin R. Hoover, % Mrs. John E. Keplinger				
STREET AND NUMBER: 1521 Fountainhead Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown		STATE: Maryland		
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Washington County Court House				
STREET AND NUMBER: West Washington Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown		STATE: Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 151/16				
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>				
TITLE OF SURVEY: Maryland Historical Trust Survey #3053				
DATE OF SURVEY: summer, 1967 <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Maryland Historical Trust				
STREET AND NUMBER: 2525 Riva Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis		STATE: Maryland		

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## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> $< 50\%$	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Apple Hill is located on the west side of White Hall Road, just north of its junction with Keffer Funk Road in Washington County, Md. The house is situated on a rise of ground above White Hall Road and faces east.

The structure is a two-story, five-bay stone dwelling with dark green and white trim. A two-story el, covered with white siding shingles extends to the rear or west. The walls are constructed of roughly coursed local fieldstone at the front elevation and rubble stone at the side and rear walls. A vertical seam in the masonry can be seen just south of the main entrance. Flat stone arches are present over first story windows north of the entrance. A faintly perceptible offset, presumably a type of water-table extends along the north section of the facade, several feet above ground level.

Windows have been spaced in the front elevation with an effort at symmetry. Most of those in the north section of the house display wide wooden frames with pegged joining and quarter round trim. They contain two-over-two pane Victorian period sashes. Windows of the south section are larger and have narrow jambs under wide wooden lintels. They display six-over-six light double-hung sashes. All windows of the front elevation are flanked with louvered shutters.

The main entrance is located in the central bay of the front elevation. Changes in the masonry surrounding the door framing suggest that the entrance has been altered. It is somewhat reminiscent of the Greek Revival style and is not centered under the second story window. The main door opens into a wide stair hall. Another entrance is located in the north gable end. Seams in the masonry along its jambs suggest that it, too, has been altered.

A Victorian period entrance porch at the front elevation is supported by chamfered square posts trimmed with decorative carved brackets. A double porch extends along most of the north wall of the el. The owner of the property has reported that a small log structure was attached to the north end wall of the stone section.

The roof is covered with sheet metal and extends for several inches beyond the end walls of the house. Several courses of molding finish the eaves boxing at the front elevation. Brick chimneys, painted white, are located inside each gable end.

The house is located on a tract containing 49 acres and is in good condition. South of the house are located a barn and other outbuildings related to agricultural use.

According to a local historian, a cemetery for slaves was located a short distance northwest of the barn. The site has since reverted to farmland.

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## B. SIGNIFICANCE

## PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Pre-Columbian☐ 16th Century☒ 18th Century☐ 20th Century☐ 15th Century☐ 17th Century☒ 19th Century

## SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Aboriginal☐ Education☐ Political☐ Urban Planning☐ Prehistoric☐ Engineering☐ Religion/Phi-☐ Other (Specify)☐ Historic☐ Industry☐ losophy☐ Agriculture☐ Invention☐ Science☒ Architecture☐ Landscape☐ Sculpture☐ Art☐ Architecture☐ Social/Human-☐ Commerce☐ Literature☐ itorian☐ Communications☐ Military☐ Theater☐ Conservation☐ Music☐ Transportation

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Apple Hill is significant for its architecture and for its association with the Gaither family, prominent early residents of Washington County.

No recorded date has been found indicating the year that this house was built. It appears to have been constructed in sections, the earliest being the north portion of the stone dwelling. The appearance of this part of the house with its small windows, many of which retain their original wide, pegged wooden frames suggest a building date before the second quarter of the 19th century. The other sections of the house, reflect mid to late 19th century building techniques.

Charles Varle's 1808 map of Frederick and Washington Counties depicts a "plantation" house on H. Gaither's property. It has been recorded in Williams' History of Washington County that Martha Gaither, granddaughter of Henry Gaither was born at Apple Hill in 1799. Some structure was thus present during the late 18th century. The house is important as an example of Washington County's early vernacular architecture in stone, reflecting Georgian-form influence in its prominent stair hall. Houses of this type are a significant architectural group in the Cumberland Valley.

On October 1, 1784, 56 acres of land were surveyed for Henry Gaither. Named "Gaither's Luck" the property appears to have been carved from several earlier grants, "Rich Barrens," "Resurvey on Adventure" and "Old Fox Deceived."

Colonel Henry Gaither served as a captain in the Revolutionary Army. He later became a major and finally a Lt. Colonel in 1793. He left the service in 1802. According to Williams' in 1791 Gaither commanded a battalion from Hagerstown, against the Miami Indians.

According to local tradition, George Washington was a friend of Colonel Gaither and visited at Apple Hill.

Apple Hill remained in the Gaither and Huyett families (who were related by marriage) until 1802.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Huyett, Daniel D., "The Maryland Huyett-Merrick and Kindred Families," 1962.  
 Williams, T. J. C., History of Washington County, Vol. 2, Hagerstown: Mail Publishing Company, 1906.  
 Varle, Charles, Map of Frederick and Washington Counties, 1808.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 49 acres

Acreage Justification:

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant	
ORGANIZATION Washington County Historical Sites Survey	DATE October, 1974
STREET AND NUMBER: Court House Annex	
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown	STATE Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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Deed Records -- WA-I-034

Liber 151, Folio 16, March 30, 1917

Grantor: Walter V. Spessard & Lutie B. Spessard

Grantee: Elvin R. Hoover & Katie L. Hoover

\$5,250.00, parts of "Adventure," "George's Mistake," "George's Venture,"  
"The Varrens," 49 acres.

Liber 151, Folio 16, March 30, 1917

Grantor: Florence L. Hartle et al, heirs of Jacob Eckstine

Grantee: Walter V. Spessard

49 acres, \$5,250.00

Liber 82, Folio 197, March 21, 1882

Grantor: Benjamin I. Huyett, exec. to Wm. J. Huyett

Grantee: Jacob C. Eckstine

\$2,695, 49 acres.

Liber 73, Folio 663, November 25, 1875

Grantors: Daniel G. Huyett and Martha Huyett

Grantees: William J. Huyett

\$4,328.30, "Rich Barrens," "The Resurvey on George's Mistake," "George's  
Venture," "The Barrens," 78 acres, 2 roods, 20 perches

Will Liber F, Folio 460, Will of Sarah Gaither

Probated May 29, 1872

Liber IN 14, Folio 627, April 3, 1860

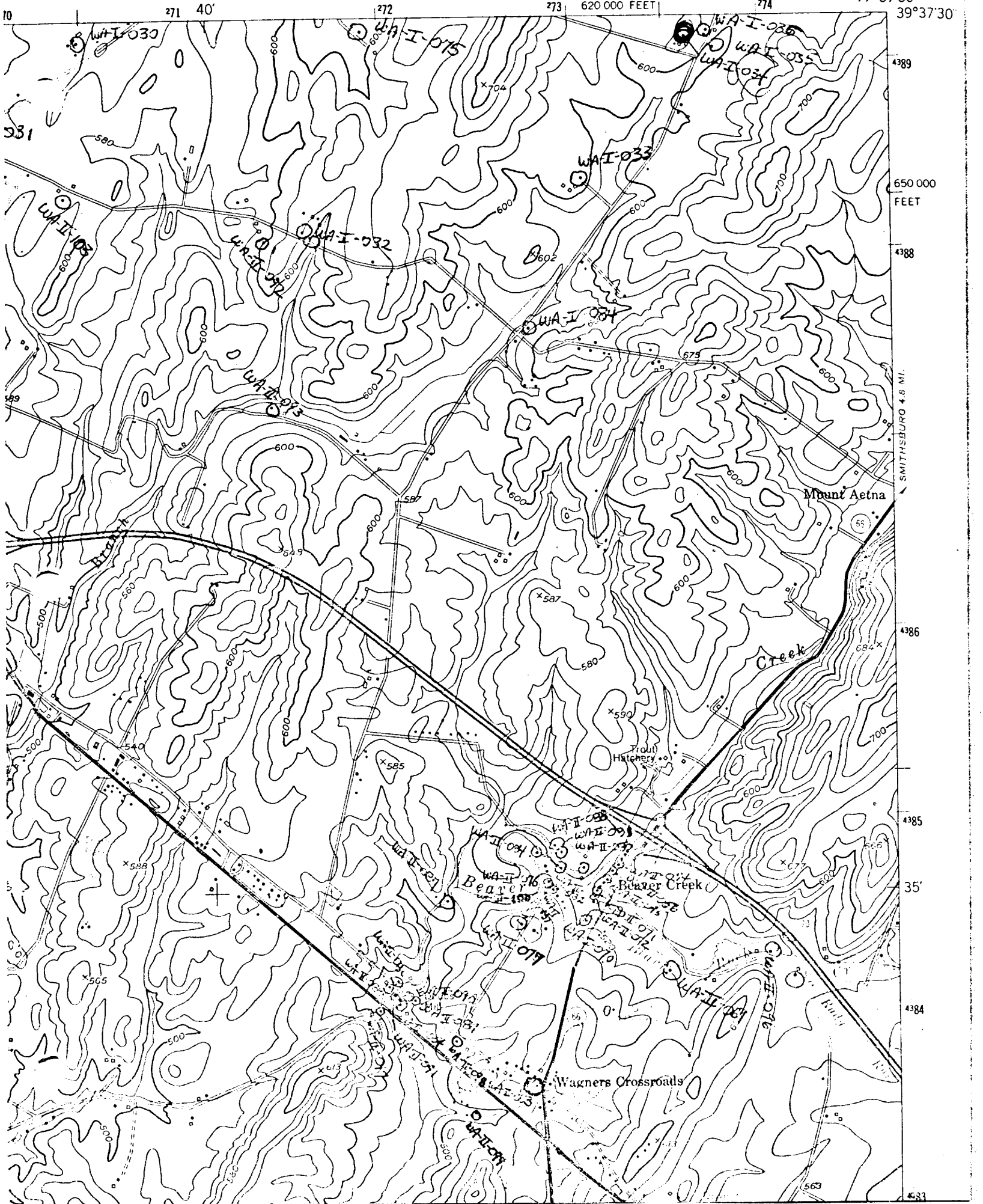
Grantors: Daniel Huyett and William B. McAtee

Grantees: Julia A. Gaither and Sarah Gaither

\$13,558.58, parts of "Rich Barrens," "Scared from Home," "Dickson's Oration,"  
"Resurvey on Adventure," "Carr's Quesy," "George's Mistake," "George's  
Venture," "Barrens," 208+ acres.

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